

GOOD ROADS.

Chert For County Roads.

One of the papers read before the Alabama Good Roads Association at the Birmingham meeting related to the use of chert on county roads. It is a material found in nearly every part of this district, and experts agree in considering it the best of nature's material for road building. It is one of Alabama's natural endowments, lying in great beds near Florence, Fort Payne, Birmingham, Leeds, Bessemer, Anniston, Jacksonville, and perhaps a dozen other North Alabama towns.

While perhaps it is better in the larger towns to employ in road making former material, yet for use in the smaller towns of this State and on the country roads chert is the best possible material. It is easily mined, requiring no preparation whatever. It wears well and smoothly. Chert roads that are scientifically constructed call for practically no repairs, and this cannot truthfully be said of roads constructed from any other material.

The time is coming when a great demand for chert will spring up in this State and in the surrounding States. The good roads movement is constantly widening and deepening, and when every county wakes up to the value and true economy of good roads the Alabama chert will be in demand. The present demand is considerable, and the transportation companies are beginning to give it the attention it deserves.

Chert f. o. b. cars in this county is worth about sixty cents a ton, and any locality can, with this price before it, quickly calculate the cost of a needed supply. Contractors stand ready to supply it. The quantity deposited here is practically inexhaustible, and so is need of good roads throughout the South.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Chicago-New York Thoroughfare. A Chicago-New York national highway may be an issue in the next Presidential campaign, according to Dr. Gardner S. Chapin and H. Sargent Michaels, two Chicago good roads enthusiasts, who stopped in Utica en route to New York. With them was Wallace Busch, also a Chicagoan.

Mr. Michaels talked of the proposed highway, and asserted it would be a general benefit to the people along the route, to farmers no less than others. The plan was to make it free to all except automobilists, who should pay a toll for the use of the road, the proceeds to be used for maintaining the land.

Mr. Chapin and Mr. Michaels are making a survey of the proposed route from Chicago to New York. They use an instrument which they devised and which will show a face simile of the ground to be covered. They started out with a camera and two hundred rolls of film. They are using the camera in making their survey and taking many pictures of the route. They make notes of the various conditions of the soil, the location of grades, stone quarries, sand pits, etc.

Mr. Michaels believes that a national highway will increase the value of property in the rural districts. He says that the highway would be of inestimable value in such contingencies as war, strikes on railroads and other disturbances. He is convinced that within five years farmers will convey their produce to the markets by means of vehicles operated by gasoline. He estimates that a good macadam road, forty or fifty feet in width, can be constructed at a cost of from \$6000 to \$8000 a mile, and the distance from Chicago to New York by the proposed route would be a little more than 1100 miles. The route would be directly East from Chicago and would pass through Toledo, where there would be a feeder to Detroit and to Cleveland, with three feeders running out of that city to Erie, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Albany and down the Hudson River to New York.—New York Herald.

Doing Good Work.

Partnerships between the States individually and their counties are doing the good work and have been at it for years. Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania are among the commonwealths that have already got a good start in the right direction. Illinois and Missouri are hopefully following the example. Many years and an enormous outlay will be required to give the rural regions of the United States model roads; but, little by little, year after year, that will be accomplished. Meanwhile the abolition of grade crossings by steam and electric roads, another gigantic task, will go forward.—Washington Post.

A Hard Luck Kiss.

Albert Keiplinger, a workman in the Inland Steel Mills at Hammond, Ind., tried to kiss the wife of his friend, Charles Long, and nothing but misfortune has followed him since. Mrs. Long screamed, her husband ran downstairs and pummeled Keiplinger, swore out a warrant, and the amorous Keiplinger was fined for kissing within the Hammond city limits. A few days later Keiplinger's right hand was cut off while at work. Yesterday he was sued for alienating Mrs. Long's affections.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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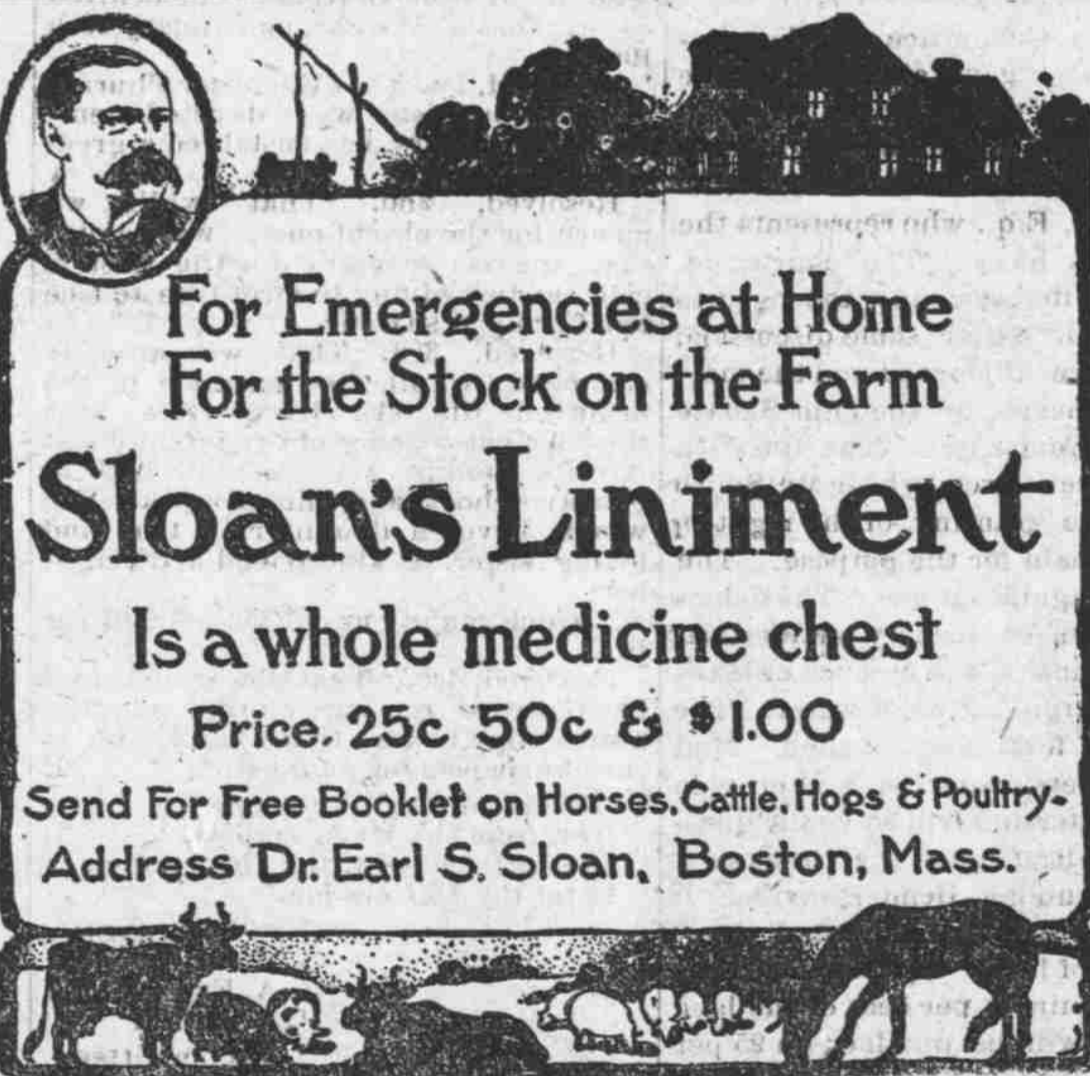
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